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## JUNE RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production** during June 2018 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was down 4 percent from June 2017. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 435,000 pounds live weight, down 9 percent from June 2017. Cattle slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 31 pounds from the previous year, at 1,142 pounds.

**Commercial calf slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 130,000 pounds live weight, down 21 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**United States – Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in June, down 1 percent from the 4.35 billion pounds produced in June 2017.

**Beef production**, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from June 2017. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 1,321 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 5.8 million pounds, 8 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 45,200 head, up 12 percent from June 2017. The average live weight was down 46 pounds from last year, at 223 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.01 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.61 million head, down 3 percent from June 2017. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2017. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from June a year ago.

**January to June 2018 commercial red meat production** was 26.3 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2017. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down slightly, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

**June 2017** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**June 2018** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

*Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.*